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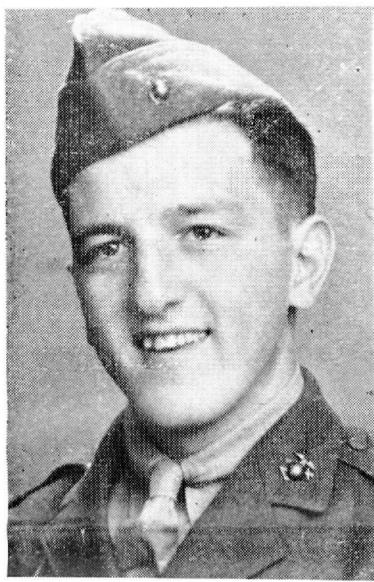
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## SPRAGUE EMPLOYEES SUPPORT RED CROSS

### FOUGHT AT TARAWA



Pfc. Joseph Valotta, son of Mrs. Pauline DiLorenzo of Brown Street. Joe was in the battle of Tarawa, and -- and has written his folks that he came through ok.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS SERVES YOUR BOYS ALL OVER THE WORLD -- LET'S ALL GIVE!

When bombs fall there is no time to send help half way around the world. When a badly wounded fighting man needs a transfusion, it is too late to begin looking for a blood donor or find a nurse to care for him. When a lonely soldier learns of trouble at home, he needs help—immediately.

The American Red Cross provides that help wherever and whenever the need arises. A continuous procession of blood donors must be maintained, nurses must be recruited for the Army and Navy, trained Red Cross workers and supplies must be sent to camps, hospitals and foreign theaters of operation the world over.

When a train crash leaves scores injured, when flood engulfs a town, when epidemic strikes, delay may cost lives. Red Cross disaster relief and Medical supplies, held in readiness for such emergencies, plus trained workers to rescue and assist victims and help in their rehabilitation, will prevent delay and thus save many lives.

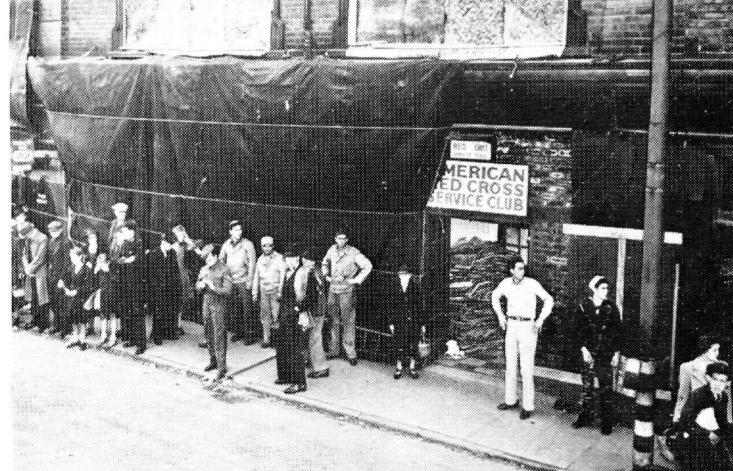
To fulfill its many obligations to the armed forces and our people, the American Red Cross needs your help. During 1944 it must supply some 5,000,000 blood donations. Each month 2,500 nurses must be recruited for the Army and Navy. Red Cross field directors and other trained personnel must be stationed at military and naval posts and hospitals to help

### RED CROSS GIRLS IN TRAINING



Nurses of the 27th and 4th evacuation hospitals on Second Army maneuvers before going overseas. Cross-country hikes over rough country, and jumping ditches like this, toughen leg muscles against the day when mechanical transportation may not be available.

Photo by: American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.



A SIGN OF THE TIMES. Bomb-blast swept American Red Cross Club "somewhere in Britain", carries on under tar paper covering. Club became first air post during raid. Bomb missed direct hit by a matter of yards.

Photo by: M. K. Zaires, Red Cross Correspondent



RED CROSS OFFICERS' REST HOME—House and grounds Red Cross Officers' Rest Camp in New Caledonia, looking from landward side.

Photo by: American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

Credit: U. S. Army Signal Corps

### SOLDIERS ALL OVER THE WORLD ATTEST TO VALUE OF RED CROSS

#### WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE WITHOUT THE RED CROSS

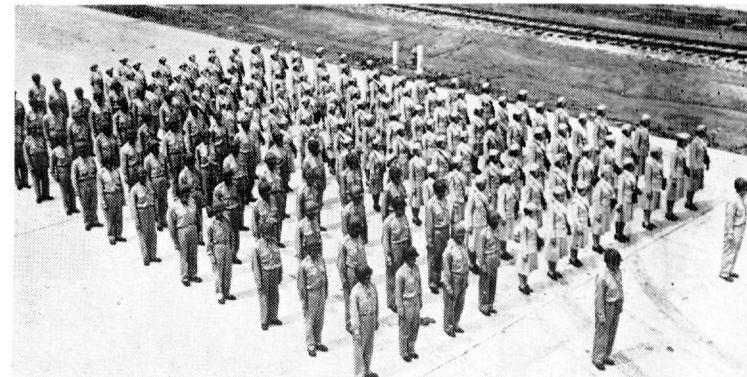
Pause for a moment before you sit down to write out your check for the Red Cross War Fund and imagine, if you can, what this war would be like without the American Red Cross.

Think what a horror-filled desert would be left—if the Red Cross had never been created out of the world's compassion.

Think of the prisoners of war behind barbed wire; how right now they would be forgotten by all but their own loved ones; how much more they would suffer from the pangs of loneliness, unbearable discomforts, disease-breeding malnutrition—if there were no Red Cross to search them out and feed them with food and news from home.

And think of the thousands who would die from loss of blood where they fell—were there no Red Cross to collect life-saving blood

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LARGEST GROUP AMERICAN RED CROSS WORKERS to be sent overseas at one time line up in military formation at Port of Embarkation.

Photo by: Ollie Atkins, Red Cross Photographer



SUBMARINE ATTACK—This photo was taken by a Red Cross photographer (Charles Zaires) aboard a transport carrying U. S. troops and Red Cross girls to one of the fronts. It was snapped in a tense moment during an attack by an enemy submarine. The sub was sunk or driven off before it had a chance to do damage.

Photo by: Charles Zaires, Red Cross Correspondent

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plasma from millions back home.

And the thousands whose morale would be beaten down by worry about the troubles of their loved ones at home—were there no Red Cross field directors at their side to hear their stories, investigate and get *action* through the home town Red Cross chapter.

Think of the mudholes of Italy, the jungles of the South Pacific, the bleak cold of the Aleutians, where men fight and die and where Red Cross is at the side of your own loved one as you yourself would like to be in his hour of need.

Yes, war is hell, but it would be a hundred times worse without the Red Cross.

Remember that as you lift your pen to write your Red Cross War Fund check.

**In Appreciation of the Red Cross**

"Many people help make things easier. Among these is the American Red Cross, which to me will never again be simply a group of town matrons or a sticker in the window. It is our one haven, our one contact with life as opposed to existence. At the Red Cross we get fresh butter on American bread; we hear music of the best variety; we read newspapers from the States; we play cards. It is the only place where a lonely, homesick boy feels anyone gives a damn about him as a person."

"You can never know how much these things mean. Boys will hitch-hike all afternoon for an evening at the Red Cross. Everyone admires and considers them (Red Cross people) the hardest-working men and women of the war. The organization is basic and understanding, never wanting anything, and there would be millions of men who would be much unhappier, much more at loose ends, were it not for the Red Cross. It stands out like a sore thumb as the one physical symbol, in all this mess over here, of what we are fighting for."

From an American Ensign



**PLASMA IN SICILY**—Blood donated by millions of civilians to the Red Cross in the United States reached the end of the journey to the fighting fronts at a front line medical aid station in Sicily. Plasma is being administered to a wounded soldier on make-shift operating table as others on stretchers wait their turn for a life-saving transfusion.

Acme Photo

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our fighting men and their families when personal trouble brews, a task in which the Red Cross chapter on the home front ably does its share.

At home the Red Cross must continue to maintain a state of alert. Disasters must be met as they occur. Nurse's aides and first aiders must be trained and other educational projects continued. Food parcels for distribution to prisoners of war must be packed, surgical dressings made and the thousand and one details of administering a far-flung, busy organization must be attended.

All activities of the American Red Cross are financed by voluntary gifts and contributions. During March, designated by President Roosevelt as Red Cross Month, the American Red Cross must raise its 1944 War Fund of \$200,000,000 to meet unprecedented needs. Your contribution will assure maintenance of all Red Cross services and thus indirectly help save many a life. Let's give!

Thousands of food parcels packed by volunteers are regularly shipped by the American Red Cross for distribution to American and United Nations prisoners of war and civilian internees in Europe. Similar shipments also go to the Far East. The Red Cross serves on every front. Maintenance of Red Cross services, however, depends upon the response to the 1944 Red Cross War Fund appeal. Let's give!

**Thank You Letter  
For Cigarettes**

19 February 1944

Dear Mr. Garneau:

A little belated, but please let me thank you for sending the carton of cigarettes. I received them when they followed me to Oglethorpe from Daytona. I went home on leave and have been reassigned to another company and have been "terrifically" busy and didn't get a chance to write.

We people in the service certainly appreciate a gesture such as you people are making. If we, of the non-combatant forces, appreciate them as much as we do, you can imagine how much those on the fighting fronts appreciate it too! It isn't so much that you sent a gift as the fact that we know we have not been forgotten. It just goes to prove that my opinion of Sprague's as the best place to work, is true. I'm afraid I got a little homesick when I read about the annual Minstrel. I was always in it and missed it this year and last.

The very best of luck to you and continued success.

Kathleen Burns



**ALGIERS**—Show's out at the American Red Cross theater here where these men have enjoyed a good American flicker. The movie is free and seldom is there a vacant seat in the theater which houses 2400 persons.

Photo by: Ollie Atkins, Red Cross Correspondent

**Thrill at "Mail Call"**

Feb. 22, 1944

P.O. San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I think that it is about time for me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in forwarding me the "Victory Log". If ever there was anything in a reading form to bring a Marine closer to his natural surroundings, it is your Log. As you know, a service man has very little to look forward to at times, so our greatest thrill is "Mail call".

Along with mail from my family, I am glad to get your Log. We all look forward to reading it, and my comrades get a big kick out of it. Again, thank you. I'll close now as three mosquitoes have just carried off my bottles of ink into the boon docks.

Sincerely yours,  
Pvt. Henry A. Scrivens

**Two Sprague Men Who Saw Action In Gilberts**

**At left, Joseph Davis, formerly worked in Final Test, and at right, Albert Messina, formerly of Paper Assembly.**

**John T. Heywood Sends Greetings**

Staten Island

February 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Washburn:

I expect to get to North Adams either this week end or possibly the next, and as I have liberty from Saturday noon until Sunday night, I should like to pay a visit to the third shift of the Wire Coating Department....Would you be kind enough to arrange a pass for me?

The training here is pretty stiff for a man of my age, but so far, I have been able to hold up my end. I like it very much and there are a great many interesting angles to it all.

Best wishes to you and yours, and also to Sprague Specialties Company.

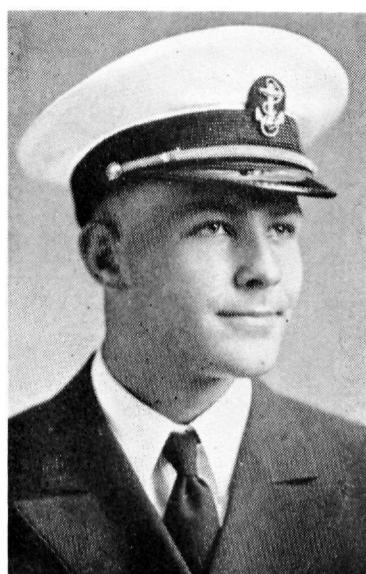
Yours truly,

John Heywood

As ever,

Bob Dube

# ★ Latest NEWS and VIEWS from Sprague Workers In Service ★



**Aviation Cadet David Bourassa, USNA, Livermore, Calif., formerly employed in Dry Test, and son of Margaret of Western Electric.**

## Letter From Cpl. Henry J. LaBonte

Monday, Feb. 23, 1943  
Mr. Washburn:

I am writing a few lines to give you my new address. I am stationed in Oklahoma now. I spent a few months in Texas then we were shipped up here for a couple of months, then to Louisiana on maneuvers.

But nevertheless, I received the Sprague Log. Every month without fail the Log reached me. You don't know how much I appreciated it. Whenever I sit down to read it I always read an item about someone I know.

I saved a few pictures that were in it and am keeping them for a memory. Quite often I read them over and over just to make sure I haven't missed any items. When I got back from furlough I received a Log with my picture in it. It is beyond me how it got in! Since I have been in the army I have only had my picture taken once, and I had only six pictures made. So if it isn't too much trouble will you please try and make it clear how it got in the Log? Thank you.

Cpl. LaBonte

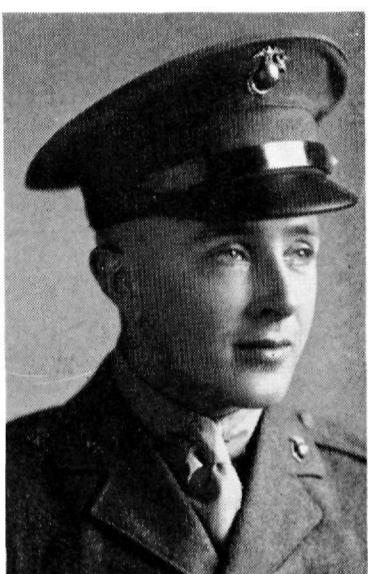
Feb. 26th

Dear Sir:

Am writing to inform you of my change of address. I received the Log at my last address which was in California. It was sent to me in December, but due to my own neglect in informing you of my change of address, I did not receive it until a week ago. I was hospitalized in California for two months and have now been transferred to the Veterans hospital at Newington, Conn. When I leave here I expect to be home for quite awhile. I sure miss the warm weather we had in California. It's like going from one extreme to another. Maybe it's the California nurses I miss most though. They were pretty nice.

I'll close for now as it's time for the nurse to come around and check my temperature. I don't know what causes it but everytime she holds my wrist to check my pulse my temperature goes up in a hurry. Strange isn't it? But of course you haven't seen my nurse.

Well, best regards to everyone,  
I remain,  
Herman Gaule



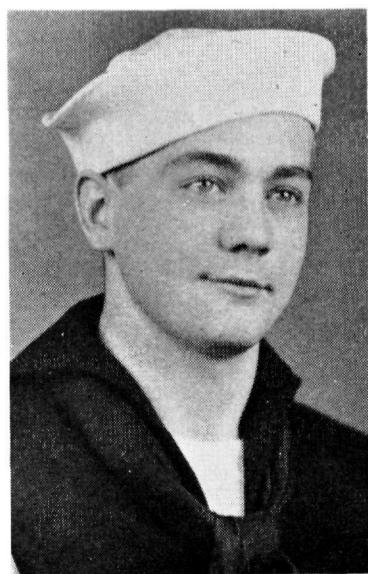
**Sgt. Floyd E. Pettibone, radio operator in U. S. Marines, stationed in Southwest Pacific for 18 months. He is the son of Pearl, of Gas Mask.**

Grant Hamilton F1-c visited the Beaver Street Machine Shop where he was formerly employed. He was also a guest on the Sprague Radio Log program of February 29th.

Cpl. Alfred Daldoss, formerly of Beaver Street Machine Shop has arrived safely in England with an engineers' unit.

Pfc. Wayne Damon formerly of the Filters, has arrived in Hindustan. Pfc. Damon has been in service since November 1942.

Clifford Domenichini, a former Sprague worker, now stationed at Camp Gruber, Okla., has been promoted to a Corporal.



**John Mancuso, Seaman 2-c stationed at Sampson, N. Y., formerly of Tubular Assembly Dept.**

Cpl. Leonard W. Ziarnik recently spent a furlough at his home. He has completed courses as an electrical specialist, and will return to duty at Amarillo, Texas, where he has been assigned to an aerial gunner's school. Cpl. Ziarnik has three other brothers in the service.

Miss Sybil Harris has left her work at Sprague's to assume her new duties as cadet nurse at the Russell Sage hospital at Albany.



Somewhere in the South Pacific

February 19, 1944

In Combat in the Gilbert Islands

Dear Miss Owen:

I know I have not dropped you a letter in a long time — please forgive me. I've been receiving the Log every month and am very grateful for it. I've been saving them right along and every time I get lonesome, I read them all over again.

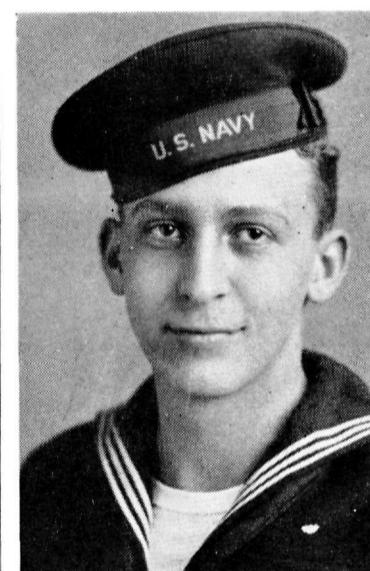
I think you have heard that I have been in combat in the Gilbert Islands. I have told everyone about it, and they may have told you also. I took a lot of pictures of the Island and would like to send them across, but they won't let us.

I have met one of the boys from the shop—Joe Davis of Final Test; and Lt. Sanders. We all had good times together. I have a picture that I took with Joe Davis that I can send to you. I received the cigarettes and was very happy to get them. I thank you and all of the Company personnel for everything they are doing for Victory.

Give everyone at the Plant my regards and my best regards to you,

Sincerely,

Albert Messina



**Pfc. John C. Tietgens -- Med. Dept. at Mason General Hospital, West Brentwood, N. Y. He is the nephew of John Walsh of Machine Shop.**

## Two Years Overseas

Dear Mr. Garceau:

I received the cigarettes and want to thank you and everyone from Sprague's that help send them. They certainly come in handy over here. I receive the Log almost every month, so I know a little about what is going on at Sprague's. I used to work in the Dry Rolling Department and I sure miss the gang. It is almost two years now that I have been over here and it seems like a lifetime. It will be good to get back to the good old North Adams.... I met my cousin here, but so far that is the only one I know. Tell all the gang that I asked about them.

Sincerely yours,  
Angelo Corbosiero



**Coxswain Sam Fulginiti, now in Italy. He is the son of Joseph of Brown Street Shipping.**

Pvt. Agnes Harrison, W.A.C., has been awarded the Good Conduct medal at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, where she is stationed.

Pvt. Warren Pruyne has returned to Ft. George G. Meade, Md., after spending a furlough at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cook. Warren is the son of Mrs. Agnes Chesbro of Networks Dept. Pvt. Pruyne recently completed his basic training in the Infantry at Camp Blanding, Florida.



**Cadet Peter N. Tietgens, Jr., nephew of John Walsh.**

## A Letter From S. Sgt. Paul Bergeron

Dear Sirs:

I am taking this time to thank you for the cigarettes which I have received in two lots, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. I can't tell you how much I appreciate them as words cannot express it. I also want to thank you for the Log which I receive quite regularly these days. I am sorry that I haven't had time to write to you more often but under the conditions that we are now under it is almost impossible for us to find time and keep up with the work that is given to us to do, but we can stand it as long as we know that it brings us that much closer to the finish of the Axis powers. And I hope that it wont be long before we can see that lady standing there holding the torch so that we can see that America is safe and sound once again. I wish that I could tell you how I feel when I look at the pictures of the different rooms having their Christmas parties and think back when I used to be among them at the Italian Gardens and a few other places, but I know that they have well earned the good times that they do get and I hope that they have more of them. I saw a picture of one of the boys that I started my Army life with and I am wondering if you will send me his address as I have looked over half of England and as yet have had no luck, his name is Cpl. Leonard Chalifoux. I have known for some time that he was here somewhere but I haven't been able to locate him up to this time. I am glad to hear that the show was a success as I can just see that certain few working their heads off at the shop and then going to the rehearsals and work until all hours of the morning trying to put on a show that the people will look forward to the following year, like they have done in the past. If you have the addresses of any of the boys that are overseas I would like to have them and maybe we can arrange to have a get-together some time soon. I have taken time to read each slogan and I think that some of them are swell, of course they are all good but I think that 32 is the best one, 48 is my second choice. As paper is short I will close hoping to hear from you soon. I remain your fellow-worker,

Paul

**Ask Your Own Boy in Service What He Thinks of the Red Cross--Then Give All You Can**

## Training For Leadership

*Excerpts from an article in the December, 1943 issue of Industry magazine.*

By M. NORCROSS STRATTON, Director, and THOMAS L. FLYNN, Supervisor, Division of Vocational Education, Massachusetts Department of Education.

Leadership for the worker on the job is a foreman's responsibility. Selecting foremen who are leaders or can be trained for leadership is a management responsibility.

The purpose of this article is to define foremen training programs as conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Education, Vocational Division, and available to all Massachusetts industries regardless of type or Federal classification.

### Course No. 1 Instructor-Foreman Training

Devoted entirely to the techniques of industrial instruction and organization of instruction material, it is organized to train skilled mechanics, leading hands and single-skill operators as instructors.

The objective is to develop a corps of skilled workers as "on the job" instructors whose duties will be training new workers in correct and safe methods of doing a job.

Length of course—ten, two hour sessions.

### Course No. 2 The Techniques of Industrial Supervision

Organized to train foremen in modern supervisory techniques including "methods of instruction." Methods of anticipating and solving human relations problems before they reach the grievance stage are stressed throughout the course.

Length of course—ten, two hour sessions.

### Course No. 3 Training for Conference Leadership

The foreman conference is a modern industrial method of bringing Supervisors together to acquaint them with the technical and supervisory problems of the entire organization. The objective is to pool experiences and ideas for problem solving and to develop teamwork on a supervisory level. The success of a conference depends on the skill, tact, and understanding of the leader.

The course is organized to train foremen, general foremen and superintendents in the techniques of leading group meetings in which problems are thoughtfully and freely discussed by everyone present. When conclusions are reached, the group should be "sold" on them and eager to put them into effect.

Length of course—ten, two hour sessions.

A feature of foreman training instruction is the occupation analysis. Vocal films and slide films, which are of N.A.M. origin, are used to demonstrate accepted industrial instruction techniques.

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One outstanding story of the results of this foreman training in Massachusetts comes from North Adams — and from the Sprague Specialties Company.

August 6, 1943

Mr. M. Norcross Stratton, Director  
Division of Vocational Education  
200 Newbury Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Stratton:

I am taking this opportunity to tell you how enthusiastic we are about the fine job your Mr. John Shea is doing in connection with the operator training program at our plant.

In the short time that Mr. Shea has been on this assignment, he has demonstrated an unusual ability in organizing, what I am sure will be, a very worthwhile operator training program.

We are so sure of the benefits we will obtain from this program when it is in full effect that we have established what we believe to be a comprehensive program, the outline of which you will find in the attached letter recently sent to our executives and departmental heads.

Again, we wish to express our appreciation for your assistance in establishing this training program and the efficiency of Mr. Shea in really getting it started.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) A. H. Carey  
Factory Manager

### Training New Operatives

The first work of the Division of Vocational Education with the Sprague Specialties Company was to conduct an Instructor-Foreman Training course. The real problem existing at the factory was that of effectively and quickly



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A Patriotic Pencil Drawing by H. Formhals of Mica

training new operatives for highly specialized machines. That course began in May 1943, and carried through the month of June.

Out of that course, the actual plant training programs began. As a first step, further advisory assistance was requested from the Vocational Division office.

Mr. John F. Shea of the Division of Vocational Education reported to the North Adams plant on July 8, 1943, and with Mr. Carey, the factory manager and members of his staff developed the outline of a program.

Miss Rita Siciliano, who had completed the previously mentioned Instructor-Foreman course, was assigned as the first instructor for the new venture of training paper rolling operators. An area was set aside, and at a relatively small cost, equipped with rolling and winding machines, kick presses, eyelet and riveting machines, stove and hand soldering outfits together with tools, jigs and fixtures applying to operations at which a considerable number of operators are employed by Sprague Specialties Co. and have adopted a program similar to that in operation at the Sprague Plant. This department is under the direction of R. F. Wheeler of the Spalding Company.

has displayed a keen interest in the organization and development of this training program, and has delegated the responsibility for making it a success to the head of the plant's training department, Oliver Baker. Under Mr. Baker's skillful guidance the training center is expanding rapidly and successfully so that at present instruction is given on a dozen jobs where great difficulty had formerly been encountered in breaking in workers in the production departments.

A. G. Spalding & Bros. of Chicago, peace-time manufacturers of quality athletic goods, are engaged in manufacturing parts for the Sprague Specialties Co. and have adopted a program similar to that in operation at the Sprague Plant. This department is under the direction of R. F. Wheeler of the Spalding Company.

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### Are You Missing In Action?

—Courtesy "Voice of Emerson."

The words "missing in action" are cause for alarm where war is concerned — whether on the battle front or the home front. The battle front we leave to military authorities, but the home front is OUR problem. War plants cost money — the space where we stand to operate our machines or perform our jobs represents an investment... when we are missing in action for a day, the investment is lost, the battle is lost to that extent. No one can take our place! No one can make up for us. Because of our knowledge, training or skill, we fit into that place like a part of a pig-jaw puzzle.

What difference does just one "day off" mean? Very little, if you are the only one in our plant or in the nation's plants taking a day off. But since this is a Democracy... the answer is plain. No one can "lay off" work without imposing on someone else. No one can afford to lay off... or to lag on the job... without imposing on your neighbor — and especially on that boy who yesterday was the victim of an enemy bullet. Can we afford to be "missing in action?"

### Seven Golden G's for the Presentee

- 1—Get up in time
- 2—Get to work on time
- 3—Get the job DONE
- 4—Get along with everyone
- 5—Get rest and reaction
- 6—Get wholesome, nourishing food
- 7—Get to bed.

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### Mr. Harry Rice to Conclude Electronics Course

By Carmella Cioffi

The final third of the series of 15 lectures conducted by Drury High School with the assistance of the Sprague Specialties Company will be presented by Mr. Harry Rice of our technical staff. Four aspects of the subject: "How a Radio Receiver Operates" will be presented in which Mr. Rice and his associate speakers will describe resonance, simple crystal receivers, vacuum tube amplifiers and commercial type receivers.

Following these lectures, Mr. Rice will devote the final session of the course to answering questions and explaining the application of the information given in the preceding lectures, to the repair of a radio.

### FILL IN AND SEND TO EDITOR OF 'LOG'

Name..... Work Shift..... Dept.....

Address..... Telephone.....

Check Organization Interested In:

- Male Chorus     Orchestra     Dramatics  
 Female Chorus     Band     Dancing (Solo)  
 Mixed Chorus     Drum Corps     Dancing (Chorus)

Other.....

Best times for practice (in order of preference). Give days and hours which suit you best.

- 1..... 3..... 5.....  
 2..... 4..... 6.....

Personal Details (kind of voice, kind of instrument, special experience if any, etc.)

Suggestions:

In a series of conferences, Mr. Shea of the Vocational Division, Mr. Baker, Miss Rita Siciliano and Miss Mary Daniels of the plant staff have developed analysis of each operation which is to be taught.

While this instructing has been in operation only a short period of time, it has already proved its worth by decreasing the time required to make an efficient operator approximately 75%.

Using the technique described, Miss Siciliano and Miss Daniels, the instructors, are doing an excellent piece of work in training new operatives and retraining old workers.

Amos H. Carey, Factory Manager of the Sprague Specialties Company,



# Service Chiefs Praise Red Cross Work



Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.

**By**  
**Adm. Wm. F. Halsey, Jr.**  
Commander, South Pacific Naval Force

The commendable work being accomplished by the American Red Cross in the South Pacific Area is of inestimable value. Serving in its own field of endeavor the American Red Cross contributes to the morale of our fighting forces through the many services it offers. Red Cross hospital service, clubs, rest homes, welfare services, recreation, entertainment programs and welfare-comfort supplies are only a part of a large and broad service.

The Red Cross program in this area supplements the planned military programs of recreation, entertainment, welfare and morale. Here in the South Pacific as elsewhere the Red Cross alleviates human suffering and mental anxiety; it stands ready to help the men and women of the military forces who protect the American home.



Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr.

**By Gen. Richardson**  
Commanding the Central Pacific Area, U. S. Army

The many functions of the American Red Cross are too well known to all Americans for me to enumerate this organization's far reaching contributions to our civilization in times of adversity.

Because the Red Cross is supported by voluntary public contributions, it is your organization; your watchdog against the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

Especially when the ravages of war are bringing personal disasters close to us all, it is especially fitting that this great organization be supported more generously than ever before, for during wartime the Red Cross is on the firing line on all the war fronts.

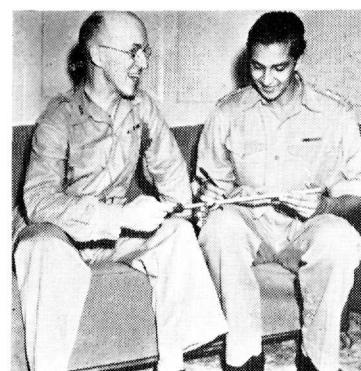


Lieut. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift

**By Gen. Vandegrift**  
Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps

Wounded Marines are eternally grateful for the life-saving blood plasma, collected from the American people by the Red Cross. We know plasma has many times spelled the difference between life and death.

As this war enters its crucial stage we of the Marine Corps, urge the American people to support their Red Cross to the utmost. As Commanding General on Guadalcanal and Bougainville, I cannot too strongly voice my conviction that the services the Red Cross brings to my organization not only is vital to the well-being of each man, but makes for a better Marine.



His Excellency the Maharajah of Gooch Behar attends opening of American Red Cross Enlisted Men's Club in Calcutta and signs official key of welcome for Club Director Foster.

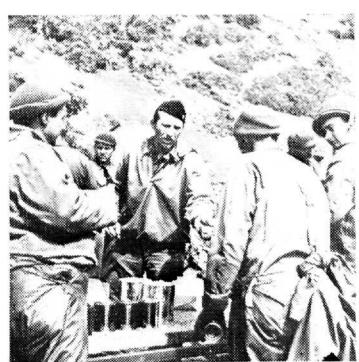
Photo by Emil Reynolds  
Red Cross Correspondent



General Douglas MacArthur

**By Gen. Douglas MacArthur**  
Commanding General, Southwest Pacific

The Red Cross never has failed the American soldier. It has helped him in his hour of danger, it has sustained him in his hour of pain, and it has comforted him in his hour of death.



KISKA—Red Cross Field Director Edward Muchow, St. Louis and Cincinnati, was with the invading troops landing on Kiska at Bamboo Bay. He is pictured here on the beach at Kiska Harbor as he passes out hot coffee and food to the troopers unloading supplies on the beach. The Red Cross coffee was the first hot food served the men.

Photo by American Red Cross  
Washington, D. C.



Admiral C. W. Nimitz

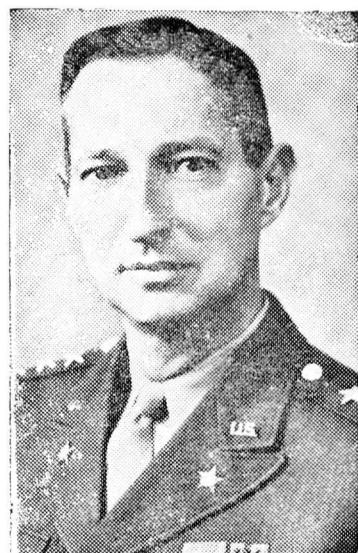
**By Adm. C. W. Nimitz**  
Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet

Wherever the Stars and Stripes fly over Pacific Islands, there also is found the symbol of the American Red Cross. Its representatives work tirelessly in the service of our fighting men. Recreational equipment given by the Red Cross is in our ships at sea. The friendly and merciful hands of the Red Cross have everywhere stretched out to our troops to give them courage in their dark hours of need. I urge all Americans to support the Red Cross War Fund Campaign. Your personal contributions are a direct help to every individual now wearing the uniform of his country. No matter where he may be, the Red Cross is with him.



AIR EVACUATION NURSES — Two of the pretty graduates wearing the heavy flying suits. These are issued for cold weather and high altitude flying. With it they wear parachutes for sake of safety.

Photo from American Red Cross  
Washington, D. C.



Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark

**By Gen. Mark Clark**

Commander of the Fifth U. S. Army

Wherever the Fifth Army has moved the American Red Cross has kept pace with its advance. In Africa, in Italy, at Salerno, at Naples and beyond the Red Cross is on the job faithfully, continuously providing those special comforts that mean so much to the men after hard days of battle. Today Red Cross continues to carry on this work close to the fighting lines. To soldiers on leave in these far-off places the Red Cross recreation and club facilities bring blessed touches of America. One must be thousands of miles from home to appreciate fully how much that means to our men. It is heart warming to know that the families of America are so eagerly supporting this fine service. I want the folks back home to know that the Fifth Army is grateful for the splendid work of the Red Cross.



Lieut. Gen. Joseph Stilwell

**By Gen. Joseph Stilwell**

Commanding the U. S. Army Forces in China, Burma and India

The American Red Cross has made an outstanding contribution to the high morale of the soldiers in the China-Burma-India theater. Its ceaseless efforts put forth in connection with the special service work of the Army have helped to provide a wholesome diversion for the soldiers from their rigorous and exacting war duties. Throughout its work in hospitals, recreation centers, canteens and other activities, the Red Cross has done much to fill the void in the lives of fighting men who are thousands of miles from their homes and loved ones. Red Cross war funds are vitally necessary to keep these important efforts alive.



Word from home is handed to a soldier by a Field Director of the Red Cross. It may tell him all is well.

Photo by: American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

# Your Red Cross Dollar Will Go A Long, Long Way

## SOMEWHERE IN SICILY



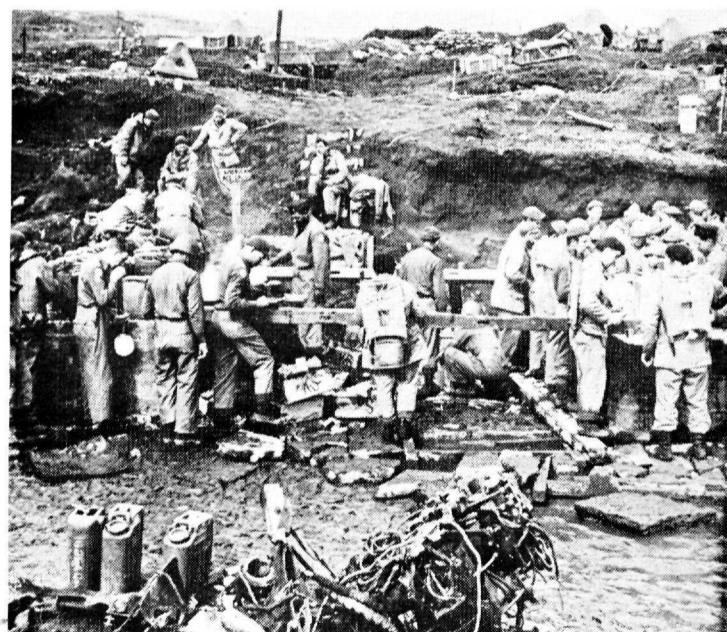
**PAPUAN NATIVES CARRY RED CROSS GIFT BOXES**—New Guinea  
—A close-up of three of the Papuan natives who are employed as carriers on the Island, holding some of the Red Cross gift boxes bound for the troops at the Buna front. These natives are friendly and happy to work for our soldiers.

Photo by: Harry Poague  
Red Cross Correspondent



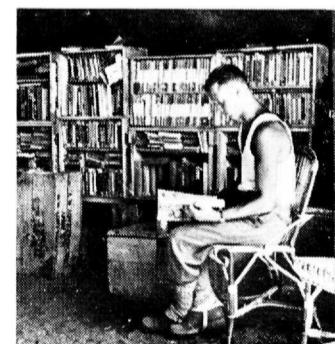
**PRIMITIVE AND MODERN.** The swank American Red Cross club for servicemen in London has nothing on the comfortable native built grass structure which houses a Red Cross Club in New Guinea. "The natural ventilation keeps us reasonably cool," says Miss Vera Hoover of Nashville and Miss Ann Pomroy of Chicago, "and you can tell Mr. Ripley the roof is absolutely waterproof."

Photo from American Red Cross  
Washington, D. C.



**RED CROSS "SNACK" BAR ON KISKA**—While Mat Howard, Red Cross Task Force Field Director with the invasion forces on Kiska pours coffee, volunteers continue the work of setting up the "bar" from where the Field Directors gave out hot food and K rations to men who came from miles around to get it. Not as pretentious as Red Cross Snack Bars in other parts of the world, nevertheless the troops enjoyed and appreciated the food just as much if not more. Mat was patted on the back by officers and men alike for his good work in setting up the coffee dumps as soon as he got ashore. Sitting alongside a ruined Jap airplane engine, in the foreground, are some of the cans of water used in making the coffee.

Photo by: Hod Lewis, Red Cross Correspondent



**SOMEWHERE IN NORTH AFRICA**  
—Chaplain's Library, stocked partially by the American Red Cross, is a popular place at a hospital near the Sicilian front. A Red Cross photographer snapped this picture of Pvt. Clarence Byer, 521 South Oak Park Court, Milwaukee, member of the hospital company which has seen service in Africa since last November, as he visited the chaplain's tent while the hospital was operating near the Sicilian front. (Red Cross hospital worker with this hospital, is Miss Maybelle Kahle, 3032 North Newhall Street, Milwaukee.)

Photo by: Ollie Atkins  
Red Cross Correspondent

## WHAT YOUR RED CROSS CONTRIBUTION WILL BUY

\$5 pays the cost of a survivor's kit given by the Red Cross to shipwrecked seamen who are rescued and in need. Contents include slacks, socks, underwear, sweatshirt, slippers, handkerchief, towel and six toilet articles.

\$10 pays for operating an average Red Cross overseas club for servicemen for one hour.

\$15 pays costs of 150 average messages of inquiry and reply between American residents and friends or relatives in enemy or enemy-occupied countries; or Red Cross comfort kits for 15 overseas soldiers.

\$20 pays for an American Red Cross capture parcel given to a prisoner of war soon after reaching an enemy camp, including sweater, pajamas, slippers, socks, underclothing, soaps, brushes, towels, pipe, tobacco, cigarettes, chewing gum etc.

\$25 pays for coffee and doughnuts for 1000 service men overseas, served free by Red Cross recreation workers.

\$50 pays for medical Red Cross First Aid Kits to meet emergency health needs of 625 American prisoners of war for a month.



Reproduced above is the first picture that the Mandan Daily Pioneer has received of a local boy in a German prison camp. The picture was received by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Broderick from their son, First Lieutenant William Broderick. Broderick is shown at the extreme left of the group. Standing next to Broderick is Lt. William Casey, of Redbank, N. J. Casey and Broderick were buddies for many months, flying together in the same squadron. They were separated several months ago, and through a rather strange co-incidence, were re-united in the German prison camp. Broderick writes that he is well. He says he is wearing the bandage on his head because "Casey just cut my hair." Everything is very pleasant, he writes, and it is quite warm. There is a baseball league in the camp and he is on one of the teams. He says that they have everything they need and "not to worry". The picture reproduction is not of the best. The German made photo was on a type of paper that does not readily lend itself to making of newspaper plates, and the print was brown. However, it is easy to see that the boys all look healthy and well fed.

Photo by: American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.



**SOMEWHERE IN ALASKA**—Red Cross Field Director Claude Marone, of Long Beach, Calif., and Chaplain George P. Weiss, of Avon-by-the-sea, N. J., using two teams, nine dogs to each team, arrive at a far Army outpost. Mail call was the most joyous moment of the day. Many of the men had not received mail for two months, and some of the packages delivered by Marone and Chaplain Weiss were Christmas gifts arriving three months late. Besides the two sacks of mail, bundles of magazines and a varied assortment of Red Cross supplies were delivered on this trip.

# Sprague Radio Log . . .

## Radio Review

That the ladies can conduct a program successfully was proven in the radio broadcast of February 29th. At that time the entire program was conducted by women of the Sprague organization, with women speakers and talent. Of course, the one exception that proves the rule, was the excellent singing of Alton Perry of Purchasing Department. Equally beautiful, were the solos of Mrs. Charlotte Lasher, Miss Connie Urbano was the Hostess-of-the-day, assisting Mrs. Evelyn Fairchild in interviewing the guests in the audience. Miss Molly Avery was a convincing speaker in her tribute to women in industry, and Miss Lillian E. Boyden, head of the Department of Music at State Teachers' College spoke ably on the role the teacher plays in the community. Mrs. Lee Reese of the Brown Street Plant was Mistress of Music, introducing the musical numbers. A feature of the program

was the interview of three Sprague girls who are entering the Woman's Marine Corps. They are Miss Daisy Dabrowski and Miss Jean Whitney of Marshall Street plant, and Miss Eileen Bunting of Brown Street. Grant Hamilton, Fireman 1-c, home on furlough was also interviewed as a surprise feature.

The radio program of March 7th was dedicated to the Girl Scouts of this vicinity. Mrs. Warren Bateman and Mrs. Herbert Clark gave short talks and presented the Brownies, the Intermediate and Senior Scouts to the radio audience. Mr. Larry Madison as Master of Ceremonies, and Mrs. Helene Meacham as Hostess-of-the-day interviewed the guests in the audience. Mrs. Edna Mae Burnett gave two specialty whistling numbers which were well received, and Marshall King, home on furlough spoke briefly on some of the aspects of aviation. Seaman Henry Peirce was interviewed, as well as Mrs. John D. Washburn, Alice Jeantoin, Barbara Graham and Alice Haddad.

## Radio Preview

On March 14 the Sprague Radio Log will be given over almost completely to the support of the Red Cross War Fund Campaign. Mr. James E. Wall, Chairman of the Campaign, will be the principal speaker and will introduce Miss Baird, Superintendent of the North Adams Hospital.

Mrs. Fairchild will act as Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Phyllis Rarick of Dry Test will sing two solos as will Mr. Robert Shoemaker of the Research Laboratory at Marshall Street.



## CHAPTER II

### How Edison Discovered Keystone of Electronics

How close Mr. Edison himself came to originating wireless communication is but little appreciated, continued Dr. Caldwell. As far back as 1875 Edison discovered and demonstrated the transmission of electrical impulses through the ether, that is without a return wire to make complete metallic circuit. These were his "etheric force" experiments which called forth great deal of discussion at the time and which were exhibited at the Paris Exposition of 1881 where they were viewed by many of the leading scientists of the day. The "sending" apparatus was a buzzer with one terminal grounded and the detector was a tiny spark gap enclosed in a black box, much as Hertz used years later.

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Thus Mr. Edison had almost within his grasp all the elements of a wireless system. He had the high-frequency currents, the elevated masts, and the detecting apparatus. It needed only the coordination of these elements to achieve practical results. But Mr. Edison was preoccupied with the difficult problems connected with his lighting and power system and so was obliged to leave the promising fields of electronic and radio research and development to others. However, his fundamental discovery, the Edison Effect, though it lay dormant and unused for 20 years, was not forgotten.

Today we are gathering the fruits of Edison's labors in all the manifold applications of the science of electronics.

*Ad Libitum  
I. Soakum*

### Magoon Breaks Into Poetry!

That arch-fend, Sir Mortimer Throttle-neck Noggan,

How he persistently prates in the fog,

In Peculiar palaver, besetted and drunk, Quite inconsistently asks you to drink Your bread in the gravy, your cake in the ale, In fact — all your victuals in basin or pail.

Yet, I'll not relinquish the things I like dry,

Nor yield to his counsel — No, Never, will I

Slosh my doughnuts about till they drain on the floor,

Tuck my napkin up under my chin whiskers, er —

Dunk my food in like a ring-tailed raccoon,

(Signed) Archibald Inverness Eustace Magoon,

my drink

## MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

### Something New Has Been Added

By Arthur W. Charron

Something new has been added to the Sprague Family Organization! The "blessed event" occurred in mid-January and is called "Partition Assembly."

What are partitions? They are the cardboard separators which fill the cartons and protect condensers, etc., during shipment so that our boys may receive them in the same excellent condition that they leave our factory. Bundles of slotted cardboards of various lengths and sizes are fitted together to form a sort of honeycomb for various size partitions.

Our very able and amiable foreman is George Roy of Shipping Department, Marshall Street, and our supervisor is a shy, retiring little "Sinatra" who answers to the name of Art.

Since we are all Alumni of other departments, we wish to greet all our friends in the organization — So, hello, everyone from Mrs. Florida Lesage, Mary Bernard, Lena Rainey, Ruth Millis, Anne Jones, Rose Salter, Elizabeth Hunter, Doris Armstrong, Dorothy Darling, Marjorie McConnell, Clementine Zanett, Mabel Maxwell, Ruth Morrissey and Arthur Charron. . . . Just watch our dust — we cook with gas!



### Marshall Street News

By Haskins and Fortini

It is the consensus at Marshall Street Plant that the farewell party for Jean Whitney and Daisy Dabrowski who are leaving soon for service with the Women's Marine Corps, was the outstanding social event of the season.

After dinner, which was served at Florin's Italian Gardens, the young women were each presented with a corsage bouquet of red roses and a purse of money. Harold "Kit" Carson, making the presentation, was a very definite success as Master of Ceremonies. Among other things, "Kit" told the guests that Daisy had informed him that one of the first things she planned to do after reaching "boot" camp was to look up the young man she is releasing for active duty. "Kit" also gave some interesting facts concerning the rubber shortage used years later.

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The Gas Mask Department is sorry to learn that Alice Muller is leaving for new assignment, this week. We extend best wishes and hope she will be happy in her new surroundings.

Alice Puppolo and Bea Campedelli went to Boston to see the Ice Follies, and found the show was all sold out. They settled their difficulties by going to the RKO Keith and seeing the New York and Boston Pin Up Girls!

### Training Center

By Rita Siciliano

Bill Brundige is still wondering what he ordered at the party held for Jean Whitney and Daisy Dabrowski. He asked Dede, Julie and some others, and yours truly. When it came to me, my answer was "ice cubes."

Pauline Barrett is smiling again, now that she has heard from her son, Pvt. Wm. Barrett. He is in the Air Corps and arrived safe and sound in England.

When are we going to hear Sid Richardson over the *Log* airwaves? There's plenty of talent there, folks.

Who was the industrious male from Brown Street who brought his knitting in to have Julie Keating straighten it out for him?

The Training Center just had its first lift and everybody likes it. It's the new paint job.

### To Daisy and Jean

Let's give three cheers for Daisy and Jean.

Who are leaving us soon to become each, a Marine.

Two finer girls can hardly be found, For their places to fill will cause searching around.

JEAN is all business, yet happy-go-lucky,

While DAISY believes everything is just ducky.

Their work will be different, with no time to play.

They have something to work for — this good old U.S.A.

No alarm clock, no telephone, to wake them up.

Just a bugler who is called a right "dirty pup".

"Oh! how I hate to get up in the morning,

Oh! how I wish I could sleep!"

Those days are over, girls, get out, polish a jeep.

The female sergeant who is hard-boiled and tough,

Is one that has never used rouge or a puff.

Her word is law, and the first day you'll know it.

So don't lose courage, girls, be brave and just show it.

Don't say "No" for an answer, but always say "Yes".

If you both don't make good, then I'll miss my guess.

Soon you'll both be wearing uniforms of green

Signifying that you two are full-fledged Marines.

*Joe Macksey*



### So Long Alice

Let's give a few parting words for Alice Muller who is leaving.

Words of regret we cannot express, for our hearts are grieving.

Several years have passed, to work with you has been pleasing.

Your pleasant ways, cheery smile, and friendship forever increasing.

So, our loss is someone else's gain, as they say,

And we have tried our best to have you stay.

Friends like Kit, Alice, Georgianna, Nellie, Madeline and Ceil,

I have talked to all, and know how they feel.

The other employees are downhearted too,

You are one swell girl and that does mean YOU.

Will say, "So long Alice, but never — goodbye!"

*The Gang  
Joe Macksey*

### Marshall Street

We are pleased to welcome to Research Laboratory at Marshall Street, Mr. Victor M. Obenhaus who comes to us from General Electric Company in Pittsfield. Mr. Obenhaus was born and raised in Texas and has been living in the East the past eleven years. He is a graduate of Rice Institute in Texas.

## LET'S GIVE



### Maintenance Department Has Its Own Service Fund

By Ruth Bass

A bit of credit is due the men of the Maintenance for their generous contributions to the fund established in their department for former employees now in service. The project was started about two months before Christmas. The main objective at that time, was to provide a bit of Christmas cheer in the form of boxes to be sent to each individual.

The boys were most thoughtful and as a result we were able to send out boxes to all seven of our men in service; Ronald Burnett of the Seabees; Herbie Fields of the Air Corps; Charles Wright of the Marines; Kenneth Armstrong of the Army; Ed Lowe of the Navy; Harold Chilton of the Army; and Lawrence Clark of the Army.

The gifts traveled widely, one going to California, one to Texas, one to Italy, and to the other various stations of the boys. Each box contained an assortment of articles: a military set suitable to the branch in which each boy was serving; a pipe; a pipe; socks; hankies; several cakes of soap; washcloths; a tooth brush; and tubes of toothpaste. A-down-to-earth assortment, so welcome, particularly to the boys overseas. And were they welcome! The enthusiastic letters we received were ample repayment.

The next worthy deed was a donation of ten dollars to Father Flanagan at Boys Town. He sent back a "Thank You" letter and an Honorary Membership Card which we have displayed proudly on our bulletin board.

The next thing on the program is the sending of cigarettes to all the lads who now total nine, having been increased by the Navy's gain of two fine men, George Forges and Frank Krol.

Our secret ambition is to send each individual a Twenty-five dollar War Bond sometime in the near future; and if our men respond as unstintingly as they have in the past, we shall be able to accomplish that and more.

The things we are trying to do are but little, perhaps, but they do bring a bit of cheer to our own special group of men and it is our way of saying Thank You for all they are doing for us.

A special vote of appreciation should be given to Doris Benedetti for her performance of duty in her assigned role of "Collectoress of Funds". When Friday afternoon rolls around and the paymaster arrives Doris can be found in the hall with her tin box as the boys pause and dig deep.

Thanks, Doris, and Thank You, Men of Maintenance, I salute you.

R. B.

**MARSHALL STREET NEWS**

(Continued)

**Partition Patter**

Partition Assembly celebrated its first monthly birthday with a delicious Valentine spread. Mysterious packages yielded all manner of goodies—and in the twinkling of an eye, they disappeared, but the memory lingers on.... Of course, there were valentines and suitable remembrances.... The lucky guy—well.

We finally learned where that "Seabee" husband is stationed, ch... Mary?

*Morale Builder No. 1*—Brief visits, but twice in the same week from Marie's Petty Officer hubby.

*Boasting*—the Assemblers once boasted no fear, even of the most rapacious wolves, but a little mouse betrayed them!

*A Pleasant Thought*—that Valentine cake of Mrs. Lesage.

*Good News!*—Pvt. Salter has arrived safely in England. We are all pleased with your good news, Rose.

**Mica Finishing**

By Betty Bourdon

Just a little toast to "Dal" Chilson who is about to leave for the armed forces. There will be a void, "Dal" here in Mica with your departure—and we are proud of you. Good luck!

And welcome to Bill Campedelli who will take over Dal Chilson's duties.

**And Now For Birthday Parties - -**

Miss Sylvia Baruzzi was honored on her birthday with a spaghetti dinner held at Mrs. Ida Gigliotti's. The Networks Department was present, while a large cake, made by Rita Sharron graced the center of the table. A merry time was had and Sylvia received...there, I'm censored again!

A birthday party was held for Betty Primmer of the Final Inspection group on February 21st. A large birthday cake was made and presented by Mrs. Joseph Campedelli who planned the party. And by the way, Betty, those pajamas you received are not to be worn—yet!

**Birthday Quartet**

Miss Freda Grenier, Miss Florence Clement, Miss Sylvia Baruzzi and Ann Mae Weatherwox were recently honored with a party given by the Network's Department. A large cake, for a centerpiece, and smaller cakes for each of the honored guests were made by Mrs. Harold Floyd. The girls received appropriate gifts from their co-workers, and the party was voted a huge success.

**Skating**

By the way, Mary Mahoney recently came in third in a meet held in Springfield. This was her second appearance in competition skating. She is 14 years old and the daughter of Mildred Mahoney of the Industrial Oils Dept. of Brown Street. Keep up the good work, Mary. Incidentally, she has two brothers in the service, both former workers here at Sprague's. Skating seems to run in the family as both of these boys have starred in this sport. They are Johnny and Danny Mahoney. John is in the Navy, formerly working in the Machine Shop, while Dan is in the Army and was working in the Filters at Brown Street.

**Mica Dept. News**

Present for Uncle Sam's roll call for this month are:

Dalmon Chilson—Navy  
John Kenny—Signal Corps  
Gordon Hermon—Navy  
Joe Ames—Navy

The Mica's Dept's loss will be Uncle Sam's gain. Good luck, boys. Your co-workers are backing you up here at the plant.

Mary Vanuni

**Mica Assembly**

By Bushika

A sleigh ride was enjoyed by the Assembly line. A delicious midnight supper was served at Wenzel's farm in Adams. Dancing and group singing were enjoyed by all, and piano selections were played by Peg Dickie and Kathryn Bushika.

Ann Pindick spent a week end shopping in New York City.

**Mica Preparation—Contois**

Although you picked yourself up in a hurry, Ralph, you were seen! You must invest in a pair of creepers, or would a pillow help?

**Checking Along With The Resistors**

(3rd Chapter)

By C. Barbeau and R. DePari

Who's the girl in the Resistors who uses the excuse of a cold when asked to sing?...Hey, Catherine, what happened to those goggles you used to wear upstairs?...Gladys, move down into civilization, it's dead without you....Why don't you twins dress differently for a change. Everybody thinks they're seeing double!...Hey, Pat, what is the idea of blushing when down at the Cafeteria?...We couldn't do without our female Sinatra from the stockroom, who gives us her best every day....Why the blue look, Marie, lately?...Please hurry back to work Mrs. Post, we all miss you very much....Have you noticed Frances expression lately. Oh, yes, her boy friend just returned from a 14 day furlough....Lou, it's a wonder that all those bracelets don't anchor you down.

Who are the winders in the Resistor Department who need a special Utility girl to run when they call?

Why has Fran M. come on days? Could it be that Jimmie's home on leave?

Kay Guyette is back in the Resistor Department after being employed as an Inspector at Marshall Street.

**Sample Lab.—Brown Street**

By Margaret Crews

Lucille Ramsdell spent the week end in Springfield visiting a new cousin.

Gilda Warious took her husband window shopping on Saturday night and arrived home with a new fur coat. Good going, Gil!

Rita Mulqueen and Art Wilk enjoyed the Alerts' Ball in Adams.

The beautiful stranger who appeared one morning this week turned out to be Loretta with a new permanent.

So far as we have been able to find out, not one of our bachelor girls took advantage of Leap Year Day.

What's this we hear about Gladys doing a specialty dance at the Rosary Rooms a few weeks ago? Is the Five Star talent scout licensing in?

Who was the lady seen coming down Prospect Street with a pail of sand. The city certainly appreciates her cooperation. She didn't fall either!

**In Honor of "Ike" Bunting**

At recent party for "Ike" Bunting were: (seated, left to right)—Monica Juras, Irene Mele, Roma King, Ikey Bunting, Blanche Cunningham, Phyllis King, Nickie Frederick and Jo Grgenti. Standing, left to right—Ruth Toniatti, Jean Kaczowski, Mary Micdeci, Jane Novak, Mary Pietryck, Dot Pasierbiak, Barb Williams, Jean Whitney and Gladys Rys.

**Silver Mica**

By Dot and Kay

Joe Moresi will leave March 11th for the Army. Good luck, Joe.

There is a rumor in the Silver Mica that one of the girls is going to make stuffed peppers for her co-workers. We can't wait, Mary.

Warning to Lucy Sutton—the next time you try to close your sewing machine, make sure your eyeglasses are in a safe place.

Could it be that Lucy S. and Esther K. walk upstream every noon to do their shopping or are they trying to keep their girlish figures?

What has happened to Dorothy Gayda's knees? We can't see them any more.

Jerry Rhodes, Kay McCann, Thelma Patterson of Silver Mica and Jennie Hirst of Shipping helped Kay Haskins of Silver Mica to celebrate her birthday, March 1st, at Florini's Italian Gardens. Thanks Archie for the transportation.

Will our foreman ever live down the game at the Armory Wednesday night? Cheer up Bob—they'll have another chance next season.

Oh, to be President of a Skating Club! It gives one all kinds of opportunities for conferences with any of the eligible young men still around!

One of our workers is going around with a worried look ever since February 29th, when he received a proposal of marriage from one of the girls, and now the girl is beginning to look worried for fear he might say!

Leo Barriere went to Springfield last week for his physical and he is now waiting for his call to go into the Army Air Corps. Good luck, Leo.

**Check Inspection**

By Eileen Burns

A surprise birthday party was held recently in honor of Elizabeth Short, Check Inspector at Beaver Street, at the home of Eileen Burns, Check Inspector in the Filter Dept., by the former girls of the Filter test line. Mrs. Short was presented with a lapel pin.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Burns. Welcome back to Doris Drury and Agnes Lecuyer, Check Inspectors in Resistor Dept.

Good luck to the Mica Check Inspector who so bravely takes dots and dashes during her noon hour. We all hope you benefit by it one of these days, Barbara.

Check Inspectors are glad to welcome Shirley Walton to our group. "Howdy Shirley!"

day and thought she had done her duty. Well, good luck, Josephine.

We boast of having one of the oldest employees in Sprague's. He is Lewis Westcott, going on 70 yrs., and we hope he goes 70 more! He has been with us about fifteen months.

If you need any help in your Spring cleaning, feel free to call on Nancy B. I'll vouch for her.

**Wire Coating News****Wire Coating—First Shift**

By Lee Reese

A gentle warning to Rose....There IS a speed law, need I say more....?

We really do not mean to pick on "little Peg," but must report she is once more the leading member of our "Boners Club". Does she love to shut machines down, flashing or not, "little Peg" does her duty.

I am told a good morning exercise is playing *Hide and Seek*. Pete LePage has been indulging in the game for several mornings now, and we all sincerely hope he keeps on "a hiding".

We all miss Homer Chilson. Speedy recovery to you, Homer.

Wanted—Sleigh bells to slip in Larry Haskins' pockets. Why? Ask Rose.

Anne Tassone is making a record for herself. How many mornings is it now Anne, that you have been *early*..?

Freddie Miller has been very busy the last week or so, down on "One & Two." What is it all about Freddie, or is it a "Military Secret"?

Glad to see Julie and Brownie back in our midst.

**Second Shift—By Sue Galipeau**

Seems good to have "Sis" back with us again.

Pvt. Bill Jennings is stationed at Ft. Devens. From all reports, he likes the Army and looks wonderful in his uniform.

**Third Shift—By Mary Rosse**

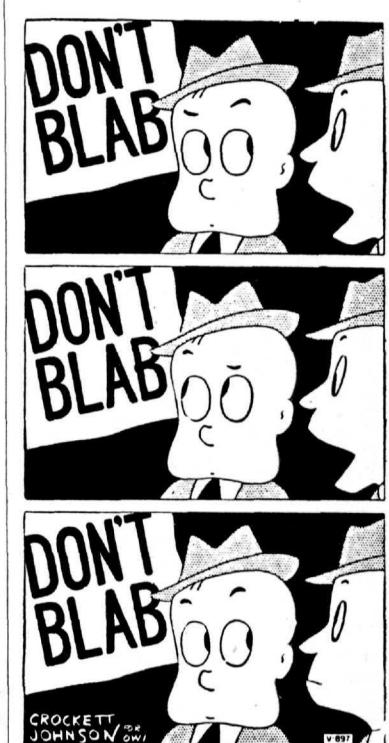
Gosh, Carl, do we miss you! Of course, we know it is swell for you to be on the morning shift. All we have, are memories and they certainly are nice ones! Good luck to you from all of us.

New Wire Coaters on our shift are: Grace Collins, Margaret Lavoie, Ann Loomis and Warren Clough.

After a leave of absence, we have our co-worker, Alice Marlowe back with us again. It's nice to see you looking so well, Alice.

One question which is never omitted on our shift: "Did you get much sleep today?" And just one look and you can usually guess what the answer is going to be.

Each night, our control operator and proud daddy "Brad" tells us some new episode his little son attempts—the latest being the baby's futile attempt to climb stairs.





## Front Office

**By H. Meacham**

I'm not supposed to mention this BUT have you heard about the young LADY that attends Boy Scout meetings? Tsh, Tsh, Katie!... And that relief operator, Florence, claims she's not wearing her glasses, because she can't hear with them on and too many jokes get by.

Here's a hot tip for our editor: Have Joap Bryce show you the pictures she showed me. You'll want them for your "Who's Who" column.

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## Payroll Office

Mary Boisvert has returned to work after being on "leave" with her husband Lt. (j.g.) Chas. E. Boisvert of the U. S. Naval Air Corps.

The poor fellow could hear all right on Tuesday, but then, he made a mistake. He went to the Drury-Pittsfield basketball game and stood next to Jo Lamberti. He says his ears are still ringing from her "squealing."

"Kenny" Blanchard left March 1st to begin his boot training in the U. S. Navy. The Department presented him with a furlough bag. Everyone, including Ruthie, was sorry to see him leave. Best of luck, Kenny!

"Hello. Is this Sprague's?"

"Yes."

"Well, is this the Payroll Department?"

"Yes."

"Is this Mrs. Lovett?"

"Yes"

"Well, this is Rosie O'Grady. My father's sister-in-law worked there last summer. She did soldering — she liked it pretty well, but she had to quit on account'a she has fallen arches. Well, she asked my father to ask me to call you and ask you what her earnings for last year were.... Would you tell me so I could tell my father and he could tell her?"

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## Networks

**By Lucy DeFazio**

Phyllis Ziembak has left. How could that saying: Never a dull moment in Networks, be true with such a sweet personality gone. Best of luck.

Welcome back to June Cole. It seems great to have you with us again.

February seemed to be quite a month for birthdays. Lea Walden celebrated the 16th, Millie Lavoie the 19th, Lillian Adams the 21st and Ralph Smith the 22nd. As we remember it, there were quite a number of famous folk who were born in February, too! To all of you, may all your birthdays be many and happy ones!

Welcome back to Frank Godfrey. It is fine having you with us again!



Miss Veronica Mathews, of the Networks Laboratory, and Rolfe Wyer of Pay Roll Department at Beaver Street were married on Saturday, March 4th at the Methodist Episcopal Church. Reverend Brox officiated.

## Bathtub Assembly News

**By Thelma Boulerice**

A surprise party was held by the girls of the Scribing and Racking line in honor of Ella Marco's birthday. She was presented with a lovely gift.

Pvt. Richardson, son of Irene, spent a furlough with his family. He is stationed at the University of Illinois at an Engineering school.

Rachel Fililaut spent the week end in New York with her husband who is in the U.S. Navy.

A surprise was in store for Anne Palmer. She received a telegram from her brother who has been away for twelve years. He is Corp. Edw. Livingston now stationed at the Norfolk, Va., Air Base.

Bertha Roy is with us again.

Surprise! Surprise! I hear our little "shorty" is in love!

Jessie—at the rate you are going, your little nephew will be old enough to join the army before the knit one—pearl one is completed!

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ann Sondrini and her family upon the death of her brother Art who was killed in action in Italy on January 25, 1944.

Mary Battory's sailor husband is home on leave — is she happy!

### Our Theme Songs --

Stacia	Mairzy Doats
Jane	No Love, No Nothing
Ellen	I Had the Craziest Dream
Ida	My Ideal
Fran	When I Grow Too Old to Dream
Mary	Here Comes the Navy
Thelma	He's My Guy
Eunice	Have I Stayed Away Too Long
Norma	Oh! How I Hate To Get Up
Olive	In the Morning!
	Don't Wake Me Up — Let Me Dream

Frank Rivey Y2-c spent the week end in North Adams as a guest of Norma Urbano. Frank is stationed at Washington, D. C.

## Production Scheduling

**By A. 'n L.**

Did you know that we have a Court of Human Relations, located in the Production Control Office, Mr. Anthony is our R. M.

The speakers in the Production offices being turned so low, we would appreciate it if Helen gave us a solo once in awhile.

If you are in the dark about any subject whatsoever just see Nick, our information bureau.

Watch out, Florence, you know you fall in the office corridors or down the ramps as well as in your own back yard.

Even though Sam does wear that good looking blue suit, it doesn't mean that he is matrimonial bound, watch out though, Sam, this is Leap Year.

Is that really tobacco you smoke in your pipe, Ray, or is it dried corn silk?

A celebration is due as soon as Alice reaches that 100 mark. Only half a pound to go!

We hear that George Saulnier is going to raise pigeons in all those pigeon holes in his desk.

The jitters have left the Production Scheduling Department. Thanks, Mr. Pratt, for removing the fan.



**BACK THE ATTACK with WAR BONDS!**

## Lab Gab

**By Carmella Cioffi**

For the last time Charlie, I don't know why Clayton's mustache is red and his hair is black — and stop staring.

I had to find out through bitter experience that Stanley is the *Til Eulenspiegel* of the crowd.

So, it's Harold St. Dennis who's responsible for the "Crunch" wave that's struck our vocabulary. South branch!

Most of the talk heard at the dinner hour is of the "Mairzy Doats" variety.

Why does Clayton keep his secret ambition so very secret?

The laugh of the week is on Clayton, Art, Crunch St. Dennis, Leaky and Tommy who tore out of here so fast at 5:00 o'clock one night they forgot to pick up their pet fare. Said fare did not let them disappear without a horrible wish and lo! the wish came true.

Since his winning streak in the bowling league, Leaky is the pride of the Lab.

Seriously boys, your generous response to the plea of the Brightside Orphanage was just swell!

I love the casual way some of the men up here go off on their business trips. No fuss, no muss, no bother.

Best description I ever heard of a bachelor is "a man of obstinacy surrounded by suspicion."

## Married



Cpl. Gorman Cote and Mrs. Ethel Cote, married January 29th.

Cpl. Cote is stationed at Camp Tyson, Tenn., and Mrs. Cote is the former Ethel Slater of Mica Department.

## Engineering Specs.

**By Hazel Goodale**

To What Girls in Engineering Does This Apply?

**The Public's Enemies - Nos. 1 to 40**

They're not at all good sports They're selfish — none can match 'em There's no one any worse

Than our foes, the noon "Ride Snatch 'Em".

Francis Rice and his wife, Betty of Networks Department, have returned home from New York City where they spent their honeymoon. They were presented a purse of money with the congratulations and best wishes of their associates.

Folks over in Payroll Department won't be giving the girls at "Queen's Row" desk quite so much attention now, with the new backdrop on their table.

Doris Patterson spent the week end in New York — shopping, we understand, and successfully, too.

**Watch your step! Look where you go! Safety is essential to War Production Effort.**

## Paper Rolling News

**By Alyce O'Brien**

Emma Marino spent a few days in New York City.

Service with a smile—George brings Mary Z. the paper every morning. Harold Caron shares his with everyone, too.

Girls — Mabel T. and Lena L. have some "gum". Sh-h — Secret! Best wishes to Ruth DeGremier... we miss you!

Bill Davis—a personal note to you... When will the P. R. Department get a new punch clock? We think it will save "manpower". All you have to do is ask Norman.

Some class when Lena drives to work with her pal, Eva, every morning. Some car, too. And how!

A \$6.00 question — Who's Smokey? Dear Eleanor: I finished that dream—P.S. You took care of that extra sailor.

Yours truly,  
Superwoman

WELCOME—to all the newcomers in Paper Rolling Department. What a pool we'll have now!

Alice S. will accept a ring in a year, and meantime R. D. is waiting and singing: "How Sweet You Are."

Julie Ameen (for her size) believes in carrying a large lunch—where do you put it, Julie?

Alice Martel spent the week end in Newport, R. I., where she visited her brother. Tillie certainly missed you, Alice.

## Sleigh Ride

A number of girls from the Department went on a sleigh ride, recently. They had the time of their lives. Oh yes, Francis, Harold and Ronny went along too. And can anyone solve the mystery of Virgie's shoes and Alice's socks?

## Beaver Block Test

**By B. Bailey**

On February 24th, a stork shower was held at the home of Sybil St. Cyr in honor of Roma Sweeney. Mrs. Sweeney received many gifts. A delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Russell Briggs and Sybil St. Cyr. After refreshments, the group was entertained by Julia Abraham and Marie Skovera. Those attending were: Helen Bradshaw, Josephine DePaoli, Arlene Chalifoux, Anna Lamoureux, Josephine Roe, Anna Malloy, Emily Kocela, Barbara Bailey, Theresa Briggs, Lorraine Pinsonneault, Pauline Jandran, Alice Appleton, Julia Abraham and Marie Skovera all of Block Test; Helen Denno of Paper Rolling, Geraldine Rhodes of Silver Mica and June Roy of Resistors, Brown Street.

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## Boxing Department

**By Connie Urbano**

Isabelle MacFarlane spent a few days visiting Aviation Cadet Andy Hamilton of Andover, Mass.

Have you heard the new Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy of the pouring line?

Speedy recover to Jo Pisano!

Alma Sweeney of Bathtub line spent a short vacation at home.

Madelene Horrigan of Boxing is with us after her recent vacation.

Connie said she was nervous on the radio — but W.B.R.K. said her voice came over the air with remarkable clearness.



A New Bonnet for Spring --

Instructions may be obtained by applying at the Beaver Street Dispensary.

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A son was born February 25, 1944 to Ledor and Charlotte Barcomb. Mrs. Barcomb worked in the Mica Dept., Brown Street plant.

A daughter was born March 5th to Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connell. John is foreman of the Boxing Department.

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The engagement of Miss Marie Antonucci of Resistor Department, Brown Street to Pfc. Louis J. Modena, Army Air Force, San Diego, Calif. has been announced.

Marjorie Tavernia, stacker in the Mica Department, announces her engagement to Gerald Cole of Hescock Place. No date has been set for the wedding.

The marriage of Miss Helen S. Meczywir to John F. Kopec, Machinist Mate 3-c has been announced. Mate Kopec, formerly of Dry Test, is spending a furlough at his home after having served two years aboard a destroyer in the South Pacific.

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## UNCLE SHADRACH



TO THE RESCUE!

**"THE GAS HOUSE GANG"**

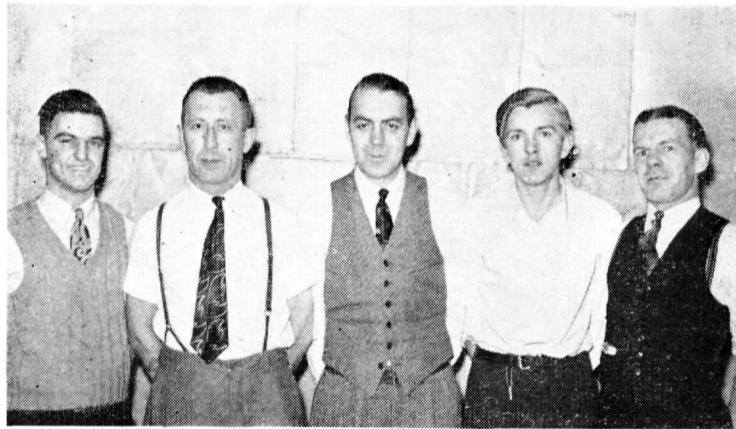
CAN SHOP—R. Giroux, P. Sherman, C. Sweeney, T. Dziok, C. DeGrenier, M. Coombs and C. Spagnola.

**"VARESCHI'S PETS"**

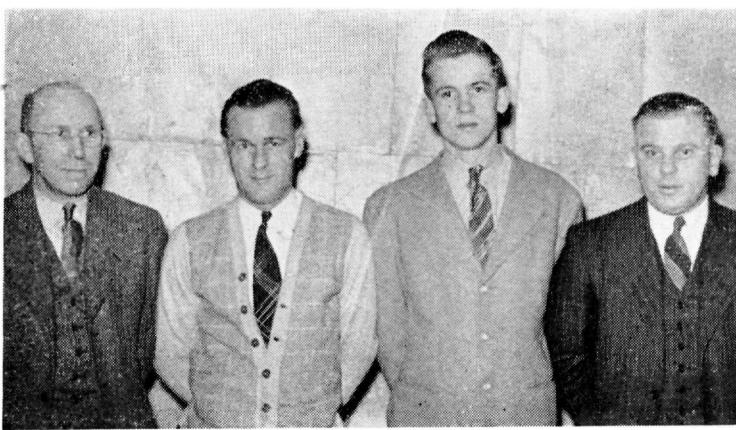
LUNCHROOM INDEPENDENTS—W. Carpenter, B. Vareschi, S. Ziaja, B. Reardon and N. Zanett.

**TAILENDERS**

ENGINEERS—J. Whitney, L. Henry, R. Bishop, L. Burt and H. Pappolo.

**RUNNERS UP**

K.V.A.—K. Russell, O. King, E. Risch, H. O'Neil and Gus Boucher.

**"FRIDAY NITES"**

INDEPENDENTS—G. Fallon, B. Davidson, R. Lepicier and H. Caron.

# SPORTS By Walt Carpenter and Kenny Russell . . .

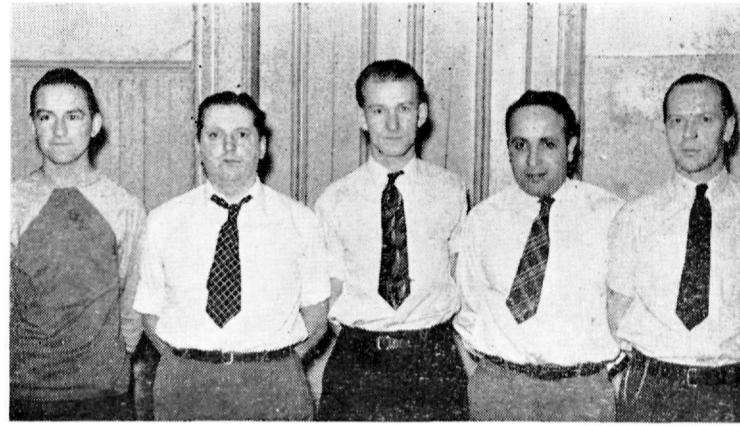
## Machine Shop Team Wins Second Half of Bowling League

Another Bowling Season is racked up in the records and we show here the pictures of participating teams. Win, lose or draw everybody had a good time, some valuable exercise and recreation, and some even improved their high string records. Now for baseball,

### Drury Basketball Champions By Walt Carpenter

Drury High won the Northern Berkshire League crown last week at the local Armory, by defeating both Pittsfield and Adams in the play-off games that were necessary because of triple ties existing among the three schools.

The Drury and Pittsfield game was a very ragged contest, with poor passing and many easily missed shots marring both teams' offense. Drury gained an 18 to 14 advantage early in

**WINNERS 2ND HALF**

MACHINE SHOP—D. Gardzina, R. Fawcett, G. Scarbo, L. Morocco and R. Drobak.

**By Ken Russell**

Since the last issue of the *Log*, local sports have moved swiftly. In the bowling leagues; the Machine Shop clinched the second half by sweeping three points from the Lab. The standings of the last half will be announced at a later date. The Formation team, winner of the first half will now meet the Machine Shop, winners of the second half, for the championship of Sprague's. The Machine shop team will be gunning for its second straight crown as the team won the flag a year ago. The Dusty League finds the Sprague Brown Street team in second place; while the Sprague Beaver Street club recently set a new high team average for a single string. Nice going teams, keep it up.

Turning to basketball—First, the Amateur League, The Academy Billiards won top honors for the first half. "Buck Bullett's" outfit went through without a defeat. The second half is now under way with both the Academy and the Lincoln Aces winning their opening games. In the Northern Berkshire High School league the fans have not seen for years the mad scramble that the teams are waging for the title. First, Williamstown was leading and then Pittsfield and Adams took over the lead with Drury in fourth spot. Then came the fireworks. Pittsfield was trimmed in Adams, as was stated in the previous issue, Adams then took over the lead. Drury journeys to the Mother Town and pins a 30 to 28 defeat on its arch rival in Adams thus backing Adams into a tie with Pittsfield. But that wasn't all! The following Friday night, Adams took a trip to Pittsfield to play Pittsfield St. Joseph, only to be bumped off again. This all but put the pennant in Pittsfield's lap but they too bowed to an inspired Pittsfield St. Joseph outfit by the score of 32-24. Meanwhile Drury took a close game from Dalton, 31-30, while Williamstown lost in overtime to Dalton in a return tussle, 32-31.

Drury now must meet Searles High to decide the Berkshire County title. They will in all probability play the week of March 13th, as Drury has accepted an invitation to the Western Massachusetts Tournament the week of March 6th.

the third period and after that, never trailed; but Pittsfield rallied desperately in the waning minutes of the game, only to have the rally fall short by a single point. Final score 24-23.

On Saturday night, with every nook and corner of the spacious Armory filled, Drury met Adams who had drawn the bye, for the title and the localschool proceeded to win in convincing style. Both teams started off slowly and only one floor basket was scored in the initial canto,—that by Cas. Salic, Adams' diminutive forward. In the second period, Drury's attack started rolling, and they rang up 10 points to Adams' 5, leading at the half-time 11-5. This period was featured by the execution of two beautiful plays by the Drury Club that brought the large crowd to its feet.

Adams went ahead early in the third period on a neat set shot by Fox, but Drury came back on baskets by Lesage and Bradbury and after that, Adams was always in the rear. Final score was 28-25.

Burt Sprague and Don Lesage were the Drury stalwarts in both games. Sprague's ball handling and defensive work was nigh perfect, while Lesage garnered nineteen points in the two contests. Co-captain Bradbury, Andrews and Magnifico all turned in fine performances in the play-off series.

**TAILENDERS TYING WITH ENGINEERS**

LUNCHROOM—J. Rivard, K. Brooks, M. Masselli, E. Suthers and J. Luczynski.

**RUNNERS UP**

LABORATORY—E. Bozak, T. Dufraime, J. Tolmie, H. St. Dennis W. Lebert and J. McDonald.

**"PINBOY'S DELIGHT"**

SHIPPING—A. DeLorenzo, C. Kronick, B. Grogan, P. Davis and P. Jobin.